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PROGRAMME PLANNING

Report of the Fifth Committee

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 22 September 1995, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its fiftieth session the item entitled "Programme planning" and to allocate it to the Fifth Committee, on the understanding that each programme of the proposed revisions to the medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997 would be submitted to the appropriate Main Committee for further review.

2. The Fifth Committee considered the item at its 4th, 7th and 11th meetings, on 10, 17 and 27 October 1995. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/50/SR.4, 7 and 11).

3. For its consideration of the item, the Fifth Committee had before it the following documents:

(a) Proposed revisions to the medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997 (A/49/6);

(b) Reports of the Committee for Programme and Coordination; 1/

1/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 16 (A/49/16) and ibid., Fiftieth Session, Supplement No. 16 (A/50/16).

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(c) Report of the Secretary-General on strengthening the role of evaluation findings in programme design, delivery and policy directives (A/49/99 and Add.1);

(d) Report of the Secretary-General on programme performance of the United Nations for the biennium 1992-1993 (A/49/135 and Corr.1 and Add.1);

(e) Report of the Secretary-General on the prototype of a new format of the medium-term plan (A/49/301);

(f) Note by the Chairman on proposed revisions to the medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997 (A/C.5/49/27 and Add.1).

II. CONSIDERATION OF A DRAFT DECISION PROPOSED BY THE CHAIRMAN

4. At the 11th meeting, on 27 October, on the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided, without a vote, to recommend a draft decision to the General Assembly and that other issues being considered under this item should be dealt with together within the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1996-1997 (see para. 5).

III. RECOMMENDATION OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE

5. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft decision:

Programme planning

The General Assembly, recalling its resolutions 47/214 of 23 December 1992 and 48/218, part I, section B, of 23 December 1993, decides:

(a) To authorize the Secretary-General to begin preparation of the proposed medium-term plan for the period after 1997, on the basis of recommendations of the Committee for Programme and Coordination at its thirty-fourth session and the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, and taking into account views expressed by Member States in the Fifth Committee, and requests the Secretary-General to submit the medium-term plan for that period to the General Assembly at its fifty-first session, through the Committee for Programme and Coordination;

(b) That other issues being considered under this item be dealt together with the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1996-1997. 2/

2/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Fiftieth Session, Supplement No. 6 (A/50/6/Rev.1).